

What is claimed is:

1. An image recording medium of for storing image data in image files therein, wherein

reception information is attachable to the respective
5 image files, for managing a state of printing order reception regarding the respective image files, and

the reception information attached to the image file or files for which a printing order has been received is rewritten to indicate completion of printing order reception, by a
10 printing order reception apparatus for receiving the printing order for the image data stored in the image file or files.

2. The image recording medium according to Claim 1, wherein printing order information is attachable to the respective image files for placing a printing order.

15 3. The image recording medium according to Claim 1, in which customer information regarding a customer who records the image data can be recorded.

4. The image recording medium according to Claim 2, in which customer information regarding a customer who records the
20 image data can be recorded.

5. A printing order reception apparatus comprising:
image data reading means for reading image files,
attached with reception information for managing a state of
printing order reception, from an image recording medium that
25 stores image data in the image files; and

reception means for receiving a printing order for the image data of the image files that have been read, and rewriting the reception information of the image files to indicate completion of printing order reception thereof.

5 6. The printing order reception apparatus according to Claim 5, further comprising reception state confirmation means for displaying on a display device whether the respective image files have been previously subjected to printing order reception or not, for enabling confirmation thereof based on
10 the reception information of the respective image files that have been read.

7. The printing order reception apparatus according to Claim 6, wherein the image files are respectively attached with printing order information for placing a printing order.

15 8. The printing order reception apparatus according to Claim 7, wherein

the image recording medium has customer information on a customer who records the image data therein, and

the printing order reception apparatus further comprises
20 customer information reading means for reading the customer information at the time of printing order reception of the image data in the image files that have been read.

9. The printing order reception apparatus according to Claim 6, wherein

25 the image recording medium has customer information on

a customer who records the image data therein, and

the printing order reception apparatus further comprises customer information reading means for reading the customer information at the time of printing order reception of the image data in the image files that have been read.

10. The printing order reception apparatus according to Claim 5, wherein the image files are respectively attached with printing order information for placing a printing order.

11. The printing order reception apparatus according to Claim 10, wherein

the image recording medium has customer information on a customer who records the image data therein, and

the printing order reception apparatus further comprises customer information reading means for reading the customer information at the time of printing order reception of the image data in the image files that have been read.

12. The printing order reception apparatus according to Claim 5, wherein

the image recording medium has customer information on a customer who records the image data therein, and

the printing order reception apparatus further comprises customer information reading means for reading the customer information at the time of printing order reception of the image data in the image files that have been read.